

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A substitute specification was required to place the application in proper idiomatic English. A substitute specification is provided herewith making idiomatic and grammatical changes. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Withdrawal of this requirement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The claims have been substantially revised in order to place them in proper U.S. form. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Vinciguerra '651. Claims 2-4 and 13/2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vinciguerra '651 in view of Kim '947. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the art as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Ju '984. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vinciguerra '651 in view of Gettelfinger '538. Claim 13/8 is rejected under 35

U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the art as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of Kim '947. Claim 15/13/2 is rejected (and presumably claim 15/13/2) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the art as applied to claim 13/2 above, and further in view of Newby '625. These rejections are respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites a multi-function golf training device, comprising a base member and at least three elevating assemblies nonlinearly provided on said base member, each elevating assembly having a elevating part that can be forced up or down by external power. The device further includes a unitary putting green board connected so as to pivot on the elevating parts of the elevating assemblies such that a sloping degree and direction of the board is adjustable by moving the elevating parts up or down, and the putting green board includes a ball cavity for the golf ball. The base member have an outer wall around three sides, a vent at one side, a ball trench arranged beside the wall, and a recess in the center area which connects with the ball trench by a guide way, and wherein the at least three elevating assemblies are connected between the base member and the putting green board and each elevating assembly is operable independently of the

other elevating assemblies. This is not taught, disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record.

Vinciguerra discloses a golf practice apparatus which includes a golf putting layer 20. The golf putting layer 20 can be inclined by use of foot members 50 which are provided outside the framed surface member 48 of the body member 12. See FIG. 8. Vinciguerra discloses six such adjustable foot members which are provided in two (2) rows of three (3), three on each side of the device in a straight line. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Vinciguerra does not meet the claimed combination, including, *inter alia*, wherein the at least three elevating assemblies are connected between the base member and the putting green board and the at least three elevating assemblies are nonlinearly provided on the base member.

Further, in Vinciguerra, in order to incline the putting surface, it is necessary to change the height of the foot members 50 in conjunction with and related to each other to provide a stable putting surface. For example, to provide an inclined surface from front to back, the foot member at the front must be raised as well the middle position foot member. To tilt the board from one side to the other, all three foot members on one side must be raised to the same level. In contrast, according to the present claimed invention, each

elevating assembly is operable independently of the other elevating assemblies to adjust the sloping degree and direction of the putting green board. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over the Vinciguerra reference. Claim 14 depends from and includes the recitation of claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 is thus patentable over the Vinciguerra reference for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

With respect to claims 2-13 and 15, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the other cited references remedy the deficiencies noted above with respect to the Vinciguerra patent. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable in and of themselves, as they depend from and include the recitations of claim 1 which is patentable for the reasons discussed above.


In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 628-5197.

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